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SUBJECT: CHINESE REPLAY THAI COMMUNIST PARTY EDITORIAL

1. THE PUBLICATIONS IN NCNA JANUARY 6, OF A NEW YEAR'S DAY EDITORIAL BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THAILAND (CPT). SOMETHING WHICH THE CHINESE DID NOT DO LAST YEAR, APPEARS AIMED AT SHOWING CONTINUED CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE CPT IN THE POST MAO ERA.

THE EDITORIAL IS A FIREY ONE, AND STATES THAT THE "CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND ON THE ONE HAND AND THE REACTIONARY RULING CLASSES-BIG LANDLORDS, BIG CAPITALISTS

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AND U.S. IMPERIALISM ON THE OTHER CAN ONLY BE SOLVED THROUGHLBY BY MEANS OF PEOPLE'S WAR". IN ADDITION THE NCNA REPLAY OF THE CPT'S 34TH ANNIVERSARY, PUBLISHED DECEMBER 16, 1976, INCLUDED NOTICEABLY MORE CRITICAL LANGUAGE OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT THAN IN THE CHINESE MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE 33RD ANNIVERSARY ARTICLE.

2. COMMENT: SO LONG AS THE NEW THAI GOVERNMENT DOES NOT DIRECT ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA AGAINST CHINA AND REMAINS VIGILANT AGAINST SOVIET INFLUENCE, THE PRC WILL CONTINUE TO REFRAIN FROM INITIATING DIRECT MEDIA ATTACK ON THE REGIME. THIS HOWEVER, CREATES PROBLEMS FOR CHINA'S PARTY-TO-PARTY RELATIONS IN THAILAND, AND THE ABOVE REPLAYS ARE PROBABLY INTENDED TO REASSURE THE CPT OF CONTINUED CHINESE BACKING. THIS IS ALSO IN KEEPING WITH PRC EFFORTS SINCE MAO'S DEATH TO PROJECT A PUBLIC IMAGE FOR SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CAUSE BY ENTERTAINING SYMPATHETIC PARTY MEMBERS FROM BURMA, FRANCE, GERMANY, AUSTRALIA AND HONDURAS.
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